

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Establish
Consumer Rights and Consumer Protection Rules
Applicable to All Telecommunications Utilities.

Rulemaking 00-02-004
(Filed February 3, 2000)

**ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE FOR WORKING GROUP REPORT AND
FURTHER COMMENTS**

On June 6, 2002, Assigned Commissioner Wood served his draft decision and attached general order in this proceeding. Parties filed opening comments on the draft decision on July 16, 2002. In addition, the Commission held four days of workshops on August 5 through August 8, 2002 in which representatives of carriers, consumer groups, and the public provided input on the draft decision and draft general order. On August 13, 2002, the proceeding schedule was temporarily suspended to allow parties who desired to do so to convene a working group of carrier and consumer representatives to determine where there they might find common ground regarding proposed edits to the draft decision and accompanying draft rules.

The parties have now had ample time for the working group to collaborate. This ruling lifts the suspension and resumes the proceeding schedule.

The schedule going forward will be:

October 11, 2002	Working Group Report.
October 21, 2002	Comments on Working Group Report.
October 31, 2002	Consolidated Reply Comments covering: (a) Commissioner Wood's Draft Decision; (b) Workshops; (c) Comments on Working Group Report

The schedule for events after October 31st will be determined later.

The Working Group Report is to be prepared by the carriers and consumer groups which participated in the working group. The Working Group Report shall include specific redline edits of the draft general order where there was agreement between the carrier and consumer groups on proposed amendments. The working group organized itself into a wireline carrier segment, a wireless carrier segment, and a consumer group segment. For each consensus-redlined rule, the group may prepare a brief narrative explanation. For the remaining rules that were discussed by the working group but for which no consensus was reached, each working group segment may prepare a brief narrative explanation of its consensus position. Each explanation shall be limited to no more than one page. In addition, the Working Group Report shall include a list of all parties that participated in working group and shall note the time period during which the working group met. The Working Group Report shall be a single document, submitted jointly by all of the parties participating in the working group and shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on the then-current service list in this proceeding.

Parties may submit comments on the Working Group Report not later than October 21, 2002. Comments shall be limited to 15 pages. A redline version of

the rules discussed in the Working Group Report, without accompanying narrative, may be included as a separate attachment and not counted against the 15-page limit. Parties are encouraged to file comments jointly with other parties where possible. All comments on the Working Group shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on the then-current service list.

Parties may submit consolidated reply comments not later than October 31, 2002 covering: (a) the parties' opening comments on Assigned Commissioner Wood's draft decision served on June 6, 2002; (b) material covered in the workshops held on August 5th through 8th; and (c) the parties' comments on the Working Group Report. These consolidated reply comments will be limited to 25 pages in total. A redline version of some or all of the rules may be included as a separate attachment and not counted against the 25-page limit; provided, however, that in that case any redline version of a particular rule included with any of that party's earlier comments will be considered superseded. Again, parties are encouraged to file comments jointly with other parties where possible. All consolidated reply comments shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties on the then-current service list.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The schedule for this proceeding from today through October 31, 2002 shall be as set forth in the body of this ruling.
2. The carriers and consumer groups that participated in the working groups shall jointly prepare, file, and serve a Working Group Report as set forth in the body of this ruling.

3. Parties may submit comments on the Working Group Report, and consolidated reply comments, following the schedule and requirements set forth in the body of this ruling.

Dated October 2, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMES C. MCVICAR

James C. McVicar
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Establishing Schedule for Working Group Report and Further Comments on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 2, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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